

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of September 11, 2003.

All of the Examiner's objections and rejections are traversed.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-28 remain in this application.

With respect to **claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 21**, the Applicants respectfully traverse the interpretation of the terms "base job ticket" and "shadow job ticket", as used in those claims. The present application demonstrates a method of printing both proofs and a final job without having to issue a separate print job. The base job ticket and the shadow job ticket both refer to the same job (preamble claim 1). The shadow job ticket refers separate settings to the printing control system which allows a change in the printing parameters of the single composite job ticket, including the number of pages to be printed and the quality of the paper (e.g., claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 21, 28). It is aimed towards applications where a test run is first printed. If the settings are acceptable, then a final run, incorporating all of the highest quality settings is run.

Suzuki et al, on the other hand, discloses a print control system and method for controlling the system in page by page basis. It is a complex process, designed to allow multiple print jobs to share the same data. The process references two types of data: job description data and page data. These two types of data refer to separate elements. The job description data refers to general data including the number of copies and the print sequence. The page data, on the other hand, refers to the specific data pertaining to the job being printed, such as the image data on the pages to be printed or the print conditions. The job description data is arranged in such a way that it can be used by multiple print jobs.

The method in the present application differs from that in Suzuki et. al. in that the present invention includes a base job ticket and a shadow job ticket that are generated and work together on a single print job (e.g., see claims 1, 10, 11, 20 and 21). They are generated in a manner and work together to allow changes and verifications after a test print. With Suzuki, the job description data is complex, and

generated for use on multiple print jobs. Each of these jobs can use the job description data, when they provide their own unique page data. This results in a complex algorithm and makes the construction of the system more difficult than in the present invention.

With respect to **claims 3, 5, 10, 14, 15, 18, 22, 23, and 24** the Applicants respectfully traverse with the interpretation of the active and inactive states of the shadow ticket. The active and inactive states refer to one field present in the shadow job ticket. When the shadow job ticket is active, then the composite job is printed according to the shadow job ticket data rather than the base job ticket data. When the shadow job ticket is inactive, the composite job is printed according to the base job ticket data rather than the shadow job ticket data. The single field makes it simple for the user to switch quickly between the two sets of settings in between printing a proof and printing the complete job.

With Suzuki, the reference is made to a job description field called HoldTiming. The HoldTiming setting is toggled according to whether the print job should proceed to be processed and printed, or if it should be stalled and kept until a later time.

Suzuki differs from the claims of the present application in that the present application, with the active/inactive toggle present in the shadow job ticket does not affect whether or not the job is printed. Rather, it relates to the preferences present in the printout (whether it is for a proof, or for the final print job). With Suzuki, the HoldTiming setting affects whether or not the job is printed at the time the setting is toggled.

With regard to **claims 11-16**, the claims were amended to correct typographical errors and contains no new limitations.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 11, and 20, and claims 2-9, 12-19, and 21-28, dependent on claims 1, 10, and 20 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-28) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment A. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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